well file

**OIL CONSERVATION COMMISSION**
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February 8, 1966

Lauth & Associates
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Durango, Colorado

Attn: Mr. R. E. Lauth

Dear Bob:

I received your letter of February 1, 1966 along with copies of Application for Permit to Drill for your #8 Santa Fe well which is located 2400 feet from the South and 330 feet from the West lines of Section 7-17N-8W. As this is a standard half-section I presume that the location is 240 feet from the half-section line which will make it a non-standard location as you have stated in your letter.

Only the Secretary-Director of the Commission has authority to give administrative approval for non-standard locations. You should write to Mr. A. L. Porter, Jr, Box 2088, Santa Fe, stating the reason for the non-standard location. I believe that I would give a little more detailed information than you have given in your letter to me as to why this is the only feasible location on the 40-acres and how much additional expense you estimate would be incurred by drilling the well on a standard location. It will also be necessary that someone from this office inspect the location on the ground prior to approval. I note that you state that you intend to start drilling about the first of March, so this should give us time to inspect the location prior to the time that you are ready to drill.

It will also be necessary that you indicate in your letter to Mr. Porter that the offset operators have been notified of the location. It would expedite approval if you would give waivers from them to the location. If you have any further questions, please contact us.

Yours very truly

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Emery C. Arnold
Supervisor, District #3

cc: OCC, Santa Fe, N.M.